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In re Application of	:	
Casati et al.	:	
Application No. 10/038,141	:	DECISION GRANTING
Filed: January 3, 2002	:	PETITION
Attorney Docket No. 7-3	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed April 17, 2002, to accord the above-identified application a filing date of January 3, 2002.

On January 3, 2002, the application was filed.

On February 12, 2002, the Office of Initial Patent Examination mailed a Notice stating that drawings were not present and that a filing date had not been accorded and the filing date would be the date of receipt of drawings.

In response, the present petition was filed alleging that drawings were deposited on January 3, 2002. In support, petitioner has submitted a postcard receipt which acknowledges receipt of "Formal Drawings 5 pages" on January 3, 2002.¹ Petitioner has also submitted a copy of the missing documentation- 5 pages of drawings.

Upon review of the record, the drawings deposited on January 3, 2002, have not been located. However, the evidence is convincing that the application papers deposited on January 3, 2002, included the drawings and that the drawings were subsequently misplaced in the PTO. Therefore, the application is complete and entitled to a filing date of January 3, 2002.

In view of the above, the petition is **granted**. The copy of the drawings submitted with the petition will be used for examination purposes.


No petition fee is required and none has been charged.


The Notice mailed February 12, 2002, was sent in error and is hereby vacated.

The Application is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for further processing with a filing date of January 3, 2002, using the application papers filed on January 3, 2002, and the copy of five pages of drawings filed on April 17, 2002.

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